

**Agenda for
City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2000
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
Conference Room 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Director's Minutes for November 20, 2000.
2. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for December 4, 2000.
3. Pre-Council Minutes by LPD on Liquor Violations Against Zapatas (12-04-00)
4. Pre-Council Minutes on Sidewalks Presentation from PW (12-04-00)

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Fortenberry/Shoecraft)
2. Duplex Licensing Task Force Meeting (Johnson/McRoy)
3. Mayor's Downtown Action Team Meeting (Seng)
4. PRT Meeting (Shoecraft) - HELD OVER FROM DECEMBER 4TH "NOON" AGENDA

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments (See Memo).

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. You are invited to celebrate the work of Survival Skills Youth in the fall/winter session Get Real About Aids - on Saturday, December 16, 2000 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at A & R Skate Center, 710 Hill [just off 7th & Van Dorn] Admission costs will be paid for by SSK - just let A & R staff know you are with the SSK party when renting skates (See Invitation).

2. You're Invited! – To MAD Dads Christmas Bike Party - They will donate 50 refurbished bikes to the youth of Lincoln - on Sunday, December 10, 2000 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at MAD Dads Learning Center, 427 So. 13th Street - RSVP to Rev. Don Coleman at 435-8822 (See Invitation).
3. The 27th Annual Albert W. Bauer Awards Banquet will be held Friday, January 26, 2001 at the Lincoln Fire Fighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane - The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. - Dancing will follow the program - Enclosed are 2 tickets, which are \$15.00 per person - RSVP by January 15, 2001 to Jim Willis, President, Lincoln Central Labor Union at 466-5444 (See Invitation).

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes
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Council Members Present: Jerry Shoecraft, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng. **ABSENT:** Jonathan Cook.

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Chris Hain, *Journal Star* representative (attended last half of meeting).

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Mr. Shoecraft, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Jon Camp moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and the minutes were approved, as presented, by the following vote: **AYES:** Annette McRoy, Jerry Shoecraft, Jeff Fortenberry, Coleen Seng, Jon Camp; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT FOR VOTE:** Cindy Johnson; **ABSENT:** Jonathan Cook.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. **LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS MEETING** (Fortenberry/Shoecraft) - Neither Attended.
2. **DUPLEX LICENSING TASK FORCE** (Johnson/McRoy) Ms. McRoy explained that the Task Force had made a final recommendation which was submitted to the Mayor for consideration. There were eight points finally agreed upon to bring forward in the report.

Mr. Shoecraft asked if the real problem wasn't that same 10% of landlords and wondered if changes would really be necessary to contend with this small percentage. He wondered if current laws shouldn't be sufficient for adequate enforcement.

Ms. McRoy responded, noting that she agreed that it was 10% of the landlords that were causing 80% of the problems. But the Quality of Life ordinance guarantees a certain standard. One judge is hearing all of the cases. Still, something needs to be done. If the current codes and laws were sufficient, we would not be having these problems. If stricter enforcement of current laws were sufficient, we would not have problems to deal with now.

Ms. McRoy stated that she did not feel that a \$60.00 fee over a 5 year period, with the sunset clause, was unreasonable. She stated that she could see both sides noting the expressed fear and criticism that the enforcement might become too stringent. Right now, the report is in the Mayor's Office and after he has reviewed the report, a determination can be made.

Ms. Harrell commented that the Mayor has not yet been briefed on the report. She did not feel that this could be done until after the Christmas Holiday, since the Mayor would be out of town during that time.

Further discussion touched on such issues as the possibility of having the license contingent upon the compliance with codes. If violations aren't corrected, the license would be revoked or not renewed; this would benefit those who do comply promptly. A housing review board overseeing violations, the imposition of progressive fines...these would be initiatives that would also help protect the responsible landlords.

Final discussion will be held after the Mayor has had the opportunity to review the report submitted to him by the Task Force.

3. MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM (Seng) - Cancelled. Ms. Seng did report that four proposals had been received on the Old Fed Building renovation. She stated that a full report would probably be presented at the Public Building Commission meeting. She will bring back a report to Council on the findings of that body on the four proposals.

Ms. Harrell noted that the four companies who submitted proposals on the Old Fed were:

The Dial Corporation -out of Omaha

Civic Partnership of California

Consolidated Partners - out of Wichita

NuStyle Development - out of Omaha

The proposals will be studied for the extent of qualification for each company. This would avoid the possibility of one of the groups coming in with the grandest plan, but without the expertise to carry it out.

4. PRT (Shoecraft) - *Held over from December 4th "Noon" Agenda* Mr. Shoecraft did not attend. Ms. Harrell reported that the Commercial Districts had been discussed.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

Ms. Seng reported on the meeting organized by Jim Cook regarding Dead Man's Run. Ms. Seng noted that the issue was very complex because it covered such a large and diverse area. The main concerns cover the impact of Commercial development along the tributary that runs from 84th & "A" Streets, through the Wedgewood area, Uni Place, the East Campus Area, and under Holdrege Street

The meeting, called to discuss the Seacrest Development at Wedgewood Lake, was attended by Parks, Public Works, Planning, and the Building and Safety Departments, plus the ECCO Park Neighborhood Association, the NRD, and the University of Nebraska

They want to look at where some possible ponds could be located to take care of some of the concerns; where to straighten the creek bed; where to take out cement structures that have deteriorated. The original group started with Uni Place meeting with the Developer, but has now grown into a much larger focus group.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Memo from Jennifer Brinkman on Reappointments to the following boards:

- Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board
- Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission
- Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission
- Dangerous Building Code Board of Appeals
- Housing Advisory and Appeals Board
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Urban Design Committee
- Taxicab Review Board

Mr. Camp asked if he could have a listing of the LES candidates, noting that he had been requesting the information for nearly three months. Ms. Harrell answered that she would see if the information was available.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

ADDENDUM - TO DECEMBER 11, 2000 "NOON" AGENDA
One Invitation - Noted Without Comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK - Absent

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy commented briefly on the fine service she had encountered with the Lincoln Police Department at an accident that occurred at 10th & "O" Streets in which she had been hit by a car that drove away from the scene of the accident. She commended the Lincoln Police Department for good work in apprehending the "hit and run" driver.

CINDY JOHNSON - No Further Comments

JERRY SHOECRAFT - No Further Comments

JEFF FORTENBERRY - Mr. Fortenberry briefly mentioned an insurance budget increase of 8% of which he was aware at a private sector company, wondering if Mr. Hubka, City Budget Director, could outline a correlation with the City's budget on that item.

Mr. Fortenberry brought to Council's attention the need to appoint a Council Member to the DEC Board. He indicated that he enjoyed that duty, but due to his decision to withdraw from the public forum, he wondered if the Council would like to appoint another Council Member to take his place upon the December 31st expiration date of his current term.

After a brief discussion, it was Council's decision to reappoint Mr. Fortenberry to the Board to a term to expire on December 31, 2002, with the option of appointing another member in May, after the City Elections, and Mr. Fortenberry's departure from the Council.

Ms. Seng moved the appointment which was seconded by Ms. Johnson. The motion carried by a unanimous consensus of the Council. [Ms. Ray will prepare a Request for Resolution to be submitted to the City Clerk for placement of an appointment resolution on an upcoming Agenda].

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng asked if there was any news on the DSL lines for Council Members homes as outlined in an earlier Memo based on information from I.S. Ms. Ray indicated that she had heard nothing more from either Alltel or from I.S. staff regarding this issue. She indicated that she had talked with I.S., but they had no further information other than the name of the contact person on this project for Alltel (Mr. Barry Good).

Ms. Ray indicated that she would press for more information and pass any thing she might learn on to Council as soon as anything came to light. Mr. Camp indicated that he would like to have the line installed ASAP. [Mr. Barry Good the Alltel contact for this project, was telephoned on 12-12-00 and on 12-13-00 - Mr. Barry telephoned on 12-13-00 and will set up a meeting on 12-15-00 with I.S. Ms. Ray and himself to work out the logistics of the installation]

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - Mr. Bowen informed Council that the Budget Retreat has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Pioneer Parks' Ager Nature Center. Mr. Bowen asked for any Agenda Items desired by Council.

Ms. McRoy mentioned the N.W. 46th & Adams area for discussion.

Mr. Camp requested review of the Legislative items coming up in the next legislative session that would impact the City. Mr. Bowen stated that there would be a review of those items. Mr. Camp requested a list of those legislative issues prior to the Retreat in order to give the Council Members a chance to review them. Mr. Bowen stated that he would get a list of the issues to the Council.

Mr. Bowen indicated that Steve Hubka, the City Budget Director, would be at the meeting with budget information Other areas of discussion would include an infrastructure review by Public Works; a Comp Plan review; C.I.P. discussions and several other issues as well.

Ms. Seng expressed a concern about the Planning Department's "vacated people." Mr. Fortenberry asked how long Ms. Sellman had been with the City as the Planning Director. It was noted that a lot has happened during her tenure.

Mr. Fortenberry also inquired about the bond proposal for Beals Slough at the Spring Election. He requested a summary of the City's bond issues showing the expiration dates on bonds currently on the books at this time. Ms. Harrell indicated that staff would put together such a list for Council.

Ms. Seng expressed concern regarding the Library bonds.

Mr. Shoecraft asked if Mr. Bowen thought the Schools would bring their bond request back? Mr. Bowen didn't know if that would be done at a Special Election or if it might be brought forward at the Spring Elections.

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - None